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To: Mr. Frank Resnik

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From: R. N. Thomson

Subject: Cases to be Considered for Foreign Filing

Reference to: Memo from G. Inskeep, May 12, 1981

Case I - PM 964

SMOKING COMPOSITIONS

Seligman, Thomson, Osdene, and Gannon agree with the Patent Group's recommendation; however, Osdene suggests including the United Kingdom and Gannon feels that France and the Netherlands should also be included.

Since pyrazines are a highly important class of flavor compounds, Meyer recommends a broad coverage internationally.

Farone feels that strategy should be based on previous filings and countries where we intend to use or have possibility to do so. He is questioning whether such a compound could be used in West Germany (depending on Germany's additive regulations). He suggests dropping France and the Philippines.

Case II - PM 886

METHOD OF CURING TOBACCO

Seligman suggests considering foreign filing, if applicable to countries where fermentation is part of cigarette production.

The R&D Directors agree with the Patent Group's recommendation (no foreign filing).

Case III - PM 827

METHOD OF TREATING GREEN TOBACCO

Seligman, Meyer, Thomson, Gannon, and Osdene agree with the Patent Group's recommendation (no foreign filing).

Farone suggests limit foreign filing to "developed" countries that grow significant amounts of tobacco--possibly Canada and Brazil.

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Case IV - PM 884

TOBACCO CURING METHOD

The R&D Directors agree with the Patent Group's recommendation (no foreign filing).

Seligman suggests the same as stated in Case II (PM 886).

Case V - PM 866

ACID CURING OF TOBACCO

The R&D Directors agree with the Patent Group's recommendation (no foreign filing).

Seligman suggests the same as stated in Case II (PM 886).

Case VI - PM 979

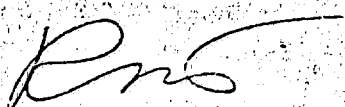
HOLLOW TUBE CIGARETTE FILTER

Osdene, Meyer, Thomson, and Seligman suggest no foreign filing.

Gannon and Farone agree with the Patent Group's recommendation; however, Farone suggests considering Japan based on marketing value of filter novelty.

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